

Title (en)
Nuclear fuel assembly having double enclosure top nozzle subassembly.

Title (de)
Kernbrennstabbündel mit doppelschaligem Kopfstück.

Title (fr)
Assemblage de combustible nucléaire avec embout supérieur formé d'un double coffret.

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Abstract (en)
A double enclosure top nozzle subassembly (12) for a nuclear fuel assembly (10) includes an upper structure (24) having a top plate (32) and an outer depending peripheral sidewall enclosure (34), a lower structure (26) having a lower adapter plate (58) and an inner upstanding peripheral sidewall enclosure (60) disposed below the top plate (32) and within the outer sidewall enclosure (34). The outer and inner sidewall enclosures (34,60) are slidably movable relative to one another as the top plate (32) moves toward and away from the adapter plate (58). A plurality of resiliently-yieldable biasing devices (30), such as leaf springs extend between and engage the top plate and lower adapter plate. Interengagable structure (28) on the lower and upper edges of the respective outer and inner sidewall enclosures limit movement of the top plate and lower adapter plate away from one another so as to retain the outer and inner sidewall enclosures in sliding contacting relationship together. The leaf springs are movable between compressed and expanded states in response respectively to application and removal of a hold-down force on the upper structure in the direction of the lower structure for permitting and causing movement of the top plate toward and away from the adapter plate and thereby the top nozzle subassembly between compressed and expanded conditions. <IMAGE>

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